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SUBJECT: AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF : US ASSISTANCE

REFS: A) ISLAMABAD 00107
B) ISLAMABAD 00502

1. REFERENCE MESSAGES HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL IN DESCRIBING AFGHAN REFUGEE REQUIREMENTS AS WINTER APPROACHES, AS WELL AS IN RECONFIRMING OUR VIEW THAT FOR MOST PART USG ASSISTANCE IS BEST CHanneled THROUGH UNHCR. ON THIS BASIS, WE NOW WISH TO OUTLINE PROPOSAL FOR USE OF UNLIQUIDATED BALANCE OF \$8.3 MILLION MADE AVAILABLE FROM US EMERGENCY REFUGEE AND MIGRATION ASSISTANCE FUND BY PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION OF JANUARY 20, 1980.

2. FIRST, IT MAY BE USEFUL TO RECAPITULATE STATUS OF THESE FUNDS: PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION PROVIDED THAT
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UP TO \$5 MILLION - IN EITHER CASH OR SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS

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--COULD BE CONTRIBUTED TO UNHCR AND UP TO \$300,000 COULD BE GRANTED TO VOLUNTARY AGENCIES INVOLVED IN RELIEF EFFORTS. TO DATE, FUNDS HAVE BEEN USED AS FOLLOWS:

A. UNHCR

(1) UNRESTRICTED CASH GRANT	\$3 MILLION
(2) IN KIND CONTRIBUTION FOR PURCHASE AND TRANSPORT OF 42,000 BLANKETS	\$605 THOUSAND

BALANCE.	\$1.395 MILLION
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B. VOLUNTARY AGENCIES

(1) TO CHURCH WORLD SERVICES FOR TRANSPORT OF EMERGENCY SUPPLIES	\$127,000
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(2) TO CARE FOR TRANSPORT OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES	\$ 10,654
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BALANCE	\$162,346
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3. WE WOULD PROPOSE TO GRANT ENTIRE \$1,395,000 BALANCE TO UNHCR WITH SOLE STIPULATION THAT \$240,000 OF THIS AMOUNT BE USED FOR CAPITAL ESTABLISHMENT AND INITIAL SIX-MONTH OPERATING COSTS OF PESHAWAR UNHCR CLINIC, AS DESCRIBED ISLAMABAD 00440.

4. THE VOLAG BALANCE WE WOULD PROPOSE TO USE IN SUPPORT OF LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PROJECT TO TRANSPORT 100,000 QUILTS TO KARACHI FOR DISTRIBUTION BY INTER-AID COMMITTEE. THESE QUILTS MADE BY WOMEN IN LUTHERAN PARISHES THROUGHOUT U.S. ARE NOW IN MINNEAPOLIS FOLDED, BALED AND PACKED FOR EXPORT. THE INTER-AID COMMITTEE WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOVING THE QUILTS FROM KARACHI TO THE REFUGEES. IT

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WOULD APPEAR A WORTHY UNDERTAKING, ESPECIALLY IF QUILTS CAN ARRIVE IN COUNTRY BEFORE ONSET OF WINTER SEASON. FOR GENEVA: WE ASSUME UNHCR WOULD INCLUDE THIS CONTRIBUTION AS USG RESPONSE TO SPECIAL APPEAL.

5. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CONCUR WITH THIS DISPOSITION

OF REMAINING DOLLAR FUNDS, OR IF YOU HAVE ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION.

6. WITH RESPECT TO THE USE OF THE \$4.6 MILLION WORTH OF

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RUPEES, NOW THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THE ACCOUNT .
WE ARE ONLY AWAITING WORD THAT THE GOP HAS GIVEN ITS FORMAL
APPROVAL FOR THE USE OF THE FUNDS FOR THE PROJECTS EARLIER
SPECIFIED. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS YOU MIGHT HAVE ON
STATUS OF THIS MATTER. MUSKIE

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